

INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

International application No.

PCT/JP2004/017995

A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER

Int.Cl⁷ C12N15/09, C12Q1/68, 1/02, G01N33/53, 33/50, 33/15

According to International Patent Classification (IPC) or to both national classification and IPC

B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)

Int.Cl⁷ C12N15/00-90, C12Q1/00-70, G01N33/53, 33/50, 33/15

Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practicable, search terms used)

JICST FILE (JOIS), EUROPAT (QUESTEL), MEDLINE/BIOSIS/WPIDS (STN),
SwissProt/PIR/GeneSeq, Genbank/EMBL/DBJ/GeneSeq

C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category*	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
A	C. GERBAUX et al., Hyperactivity of cathepsin B and other lysosomal enzymes in fibroblasts exposed to azithromycin, a dicationic macrolide antibiotic with exceptional tissue accumulation, 1996, FEBS Letters, 394, p.307-10	1-11
T	H.SAWADA et al., A toxicogenomic approach to drug-induced phospholipidosis: analysis of its induction mechanism and establishment of a novel in vitro screening system, 2005, Toxicol.Sci., 83(2), p.282-92.	1-11

☒ Further documents are listed in the continuation of Box C.☐ See patent family annex.

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A	H.F. Clark et al., The Secreted protein discovery initiative (SPDI), a large-scale effort to identify novel human secreted and transmembrane proteins: a bioinformatics assessment, 2003, ACCESSION: NM_014960, NM_022823, Genome Res., 13(10), p.2265-70	1-11
A	J.R.Churchill et al., A new gene family predicted by a novel human heart cDNA, 1995, ACCESSION: U47674, Mol.Biol.Cell, 6(Suppl), p.418a	1-11
A	R.L. Strausberg et al., Generation and initial analysis of more than 15,000 full-length human and mouse cDNA sequences, 2002, ACCESSION: NM_024307, Proc.Natl.Acad.Sci.U.S.A., 99(26), p.16899-903	1-11
A	C.K.Sung et al., Molecular cloning of cDNA encoding human lanosterol synthase, 1995, ACCESSION: D63807, Biol.Pharm.Bull., 18, p.1459-61	1-11
A	K.Lai et al., Estrogen Receptor Regulates Expression of the Orphan Receptor Small Heterodimer Partner, Sep.2003, ACCESSION: NM_021969, J.Biol.Chem., 278(38), p.36418-29	1-11
A	M.M.Pelsters et al., Intestinal-type and liver-type fatty acid-binding protein in the intestine. Tissue distribution and clinical utility, Oct.2003, ACCESSION: NM_001443, Clin.Biochem., 36(7), p.529-35	1-11
A	A.Tsuji et al., Hepsin a cell membrane-associated protease. Characterization, tissue distribution, and gene localization, 1991, ACCESSION: NM_002151, J.Biol.Chem., 266(25), p.16948-53	1-11
A	S.Hutchinson et al., Purification of human kallikrein 6 from biological fluids and identification of its complex with alpha (1)- antichymotrypsin, May 2003, ACCESSION: NM_001085, Clin.Chem., 49(5), p.746-51	1-11
A	S. Wiemann et al., Toward a catalog of human genes and proteins: sequencing and analysis of 500 novel complete protein coding human cDNAs, 2001, ACCESSION: AL136653, Genome Res., 11(3), p.422-35	1-11

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A	T. Kayano et al., Human facilitative glucose transporters. Isolation, functional characterization, and gene localization of cDNAs encoding an isoform (GLUT5) expressed in small intestine, Kidney, muscle, and adipose tissue and an unusual glucose transporter pseudogene-like sequence (GLUT6), 1990, ACCESSION: NM_006931, J.Biol.Chem., 265(22), p.13276-82	1-11
A	J.M.Shields et al., Loss of transgelin in breast and colon tumors and in RIE-1 cells by Ras deregulation of gene expression through Raf-independent pathways, 2002, ACCESSION: NM_003186, J.Biol.Chem., 277(12), p.9790-9	1-11

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Box No. II Observations where certain claims were found unsearchable (Continuation of item 2 of first sheet)

This international search report has not been established in respect of certain claims under Article 17(2)(a) for the following reasons:

1. ☐ Claims Nos.:
because they relate to subject matter not required to be searched by this Authority, namely:
2. ☒ Claims Nos.: parts of 2, 4, 5, 7 and 9 to 11
because they relate to parts of the international application that do not comply with the prescribed requirements to such an extent that no meaningful international search can be carried out, specifically:
(See extra sheet.)
3. ☐ Claims Nos.:
because they are dependent claims and are not drafted in accordance with the second and third sentences of Rule 6.4(a).

Box No. III Observations where unity of invention is lacking (Continuation of item 3 of first sheet)

This International Searching Authority found multiple inventions in this international application, as follows:

The genes of SEQ ID NOS:1, 3, 5, 7, 9, 11, 13, 15, 17, 19, 21 and 23 according to claims 1 to 11 have no chemical structure in common but are common to each other exclusively in being a gene the expression of which alters depending on the occurrence of phospholipidosis. However, it is a publicly known attempt to obtain a gene the expression of which alters depending on the occurrence of phospholipidosis, as reported in, for example, the following document.

C. Gerbaux, et al., Hyperactivity of cathepsin B and other lysosomal enzymes in fibroblasts exposed to azithromycin, a dicationic macrolide antibiotic with exceptional tissue accumulation, 1996, FEBS Letters, 394, p.307-10.

Such being the case, the inventions (continued to extra sheet)

1. ☐ As all required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this international search report covers all searchable claims.
2. ☒ As all searchable claims could be searched without effort justifying an additional fee, this Authority did not invite payment of any additional fee.
3. ☐ As only some of the required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this international search report covers only those claims for which fees were paid, specifically claims Nos.:
4. ☐ No required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant. Consequently, this international search report is restricted to the invention first mentioned in the claims; it is covered by claims Nos.:

Remark on Protest

- ☐ The additional search fees were accompanied by the applicant's protest.
- ☐ No protest accompanied the payment of additional search fees.

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Claims 1, 3, 6 and 8

In these claims, it is unclear that the expression "having .. sequence" means whether "consisting of .. sequence" or "containing .. sequence". Thus, these claims are not described in a clear manner.

Claims 4 and 7

In these claims, the expression "about" makes the scope of the invention unclear. Thus, these claims are not described in a clear manner.

Claims 2, 4, 5, 7 and 9 to 11

It is unclear what substances the "genes" the expression of which alters depending on the occurrence of phospholipidosis in the above claims are in practice. Thus, these claims are not described in a clear manner.

Although EXAMPLES and so on are discussed concerning the above "genes", it is unknown what genes other than those having base sequences represented by any of SEQ ID NOS:1, 3, 5, 7, 9, 11, 13, 15, 17, 19, 21 and 23 correspond thereto. Thus, the inventions according to these claims are not sufficiently supported by the description nor disclosed therein in a manner sufficiently clear and complete for the inventions to be carried out by a person skilled in the art.

No search was made on the inventions which are neither sufficiently supported by the description nor disclosed in the description in a sufficiently clear and complete manner, as discussed above.

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relating to the above genes according to claims 1 to 11 cannot be considered as being a group of inventions so linked as to form a single general inventive concept but being 12 groups of inventions differing from each other.